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James. E. Cook.
Journal



"Journal"

Kept by James, E. Cook on board Ship "Hongqua"
Bound for Hong Kong, China.

Wednesday Oct 19" Left New York at 11⁰⁰ clock in tow of
tug boat O. M. Pettitt, left the boat at quarter past two
with a fair wind and made a nice days run, fine weather.

Thursday Oct 20" Fair wind still continuing and going along
nicely, saw a ship but did not make out ~~it~~ who it was.
made 200 miles to day. Lat 39.52 Lon 70. =

Friday Oct 21" Beautiful weather and a fair wind, saw a
Barque displayed our signals she answered with the American
Flag we also displayed the American Flag and Private Signal
made a good days run 200 miles and pretty rough weather
hard work to eat meals. Lat 39.03 Lon 65.55 =

Saturday Oct 22" Beautiful weather and a fine breeze, we are now
in the Gulf saw lots of gulf weed. made 192 miles. have
not been sea sick as yet Lat 38.41. Lon 62.21 =

Sunday Oct 23" saw 2 Ships and had a fine days sun. the folks are all well and everything goes along nicely. we have been in the Gulf for two or three days. Libby has been fustrate this last two days though she was rather sick for the first two or three days. Lat 37.59 Lon 59.11

Monday Oct 24" saw 2 ships and had the pleasure of discovering one of them and Frank the other. Uncle Thomas says he has discovered all the others (some four or five) but the second mate Mr Brown has seen one or two of those that he lays claim to. The mate Mr Ray got a flying fish last night during his watch. we have had pleasant weather ever since we started and a good breeze the folks have been nicely and Johnny is having tip top times having lost a humming top, a nice horse and carriage costing a dollar and one or two other things. Capt Cartwright is a very nice man and Mrs Cartwright is a very pleasant person. I have had a pretty good time so far and if the voyage to China is as pleasant as it has been I shall have nothing to complain of. we have very good living on board the ship. having Milk. Potatoes, and everything that is good including a little "Egg Nogg" once in a while. the daily routine is - viz - get up at six or half past then go on deck and look out for a sail. at 8 get breakfast. go on deck and read lay round trying to get

a soft spot, at 1/2 past 11 get the Quadrant to take an observation. at 12 get dinner go on deck and pass away the time till 1/2 past 5 or 6 and then get supper go on deck and stay till 8 or 1/2 past and then go to bed and thus the days pass away Lat 36.51 Lon 55.27.

Tuesday Oct 25" very pleasant the air was beautiful. it is rather calm and vessel moves along slowly. Lat 35.57 Lon 52.55

Wednesday Oct 26" the wind increased a little to day and we had one or two squalls. saw an albacore. and the Captain saw a fin back whale, it is very warm and as the folks "never ^{eat} anything in warm weather" are growing stout especially Uncle Thomas who has grown very stout since we left New York. I think it is the sea air which causes this change. Lat 34.45 Lon 50.48

Thursday Oct 27" the wind died away again. rather dull music. the weather is very warm and everybody is whistling for a breeze. Aunt Elizabeth opened her cake to day and we had quite a treat. it was very nice indeed much better than the wedding cake. Lat 33.40 Lon 48.02

Friday Oct 28" we had a little more breeze and run out of our course, it has been pleasant weather since we started and we all have enjoyed ourselves first rate, Lat 34.13 Lon 45.34 =

Saturday Oct 29" the wind changed from a head wind to nearly a fair wind and she is going along nicely. we saw a ship which the Captain says was an English ship bound to the West Indies. The folks drank "to the folks at home" which I suppose will be the excuse for a good many drinks" we are all well and enjoying ourselves as well as we can. the crew are good stout men and about all Americans they have got two boys on board ship which makes about fourteen in all. the mate and second mate are very nice men, Lat 34.41. Lon 42.24.

Sunday Oct 30" when we left home I thought I should be discontented with everything on board the ship but I find everything so different from what I expected that I cannot help being contented. we had a nice fair wind to day and the vessel goes along nicely. we had Roast Turkey Plum Pudding and green peas for dinner to day. which was quite a treat. Lat 33.19 Lon 39.17 =

Monday Oct 31" saw a fin back whale this morning. the wind has all died away again and it is rather dull music. it is pretty warm weather, Lat 31.55 Lon 37.22

Tuesday Nov 1" the weather was very warm and the awning was put up to day. am getting tired. Lat 31.24 Lon 36.36

Wednesday Nov 2" the last two days the weather was very calm and the vessel made but 72 miles ~~the last two days~~ but to vary the scene we had three or four dolphins around the ship and we had some fun. the Captain killed one and the other three he did not get a chance at. we also saw some grampus Lat 30.57 Lon 36.24

Thursday Nov 3" we have a little wind to day and the vessel is going along first rate. we saw 8 vessels to day and signalized one but her number was not in the book we have not been beat as yet. last night as I was carrying the signal bag down in the cabin. I saw two large dolphins and the Captain got the grain and killed one but being a poor one did not catch him the other one got on the line but did not hold fast so that we lost him. Lat 30.17 Lon did not get any #

Friday Nov 4" we saw three ships two of them we had with us yesterday, we saw a school of dolphin but they did not come near enough to catch any, we signalized one vessel and she answered with Private Signal and American Flag but the name was so long that we could not make it out. Frank and Uncle Thomas play Checkers and they have played as many as 10 or 12 games. He and Frank has beat him all but 2 or 3 besides skunking him 3 times in 2 days. Lat 29.02 Lon. 34.30

Saturday Nov 5" there is one ship that has remained with us three days. it is has been calm for a week and it is dull music. I wish I was on land so that I could do something to relieve this monotony. sent a bottle to sea yesterday giving the lat and lon and that we were all well. everybody is getting tired and whistling for a breeze. Lat 28.11 Lon. 33.46

Sunday Nov 6" this is the worst day we have had since we left New York. nasty rainy squally weather caught a lot of water to day. Lat 28. Lon did not get any #

Monday Nov 7" the squally weather continued through this morning and we caught quite enough rain to fill everything up. we signalized a ship to day. the "Inconstant" of New York bound for San Francisco 10 days out and she was a very fine ship. Lat 26.10 Lon 32.35 =

Tuesday Nov 8" Fine breeze and beautiful weather and the ship going along nicely. saw a ship and the Captain caught a Yellow Tail a species of dolphin. Lat 24.24 Lon 31.55

Wednesday Nov 9" the wind died away again and the Captain, Uncle Thomas and Frank played All Fours to raise a breeze the Captain being the best player. saw a school of porpoises, all well and hearty. Lat 22.53 Lon 31.10

Thursday. Nov 10" Played a game of Whist to day to pass away the time. Fine breeze and beautiful weather. we are now in the Trades. Lat 20.54. Lon 30.04

Friday Nov 11" we are now in the trades with a nice fine breeze and everything goes along nicely. Lat 17.40 Lon 29.03

Saturday Nov 12". Opened a letter from home from Caddy. which was quite a treat, made 208 miles the last 24 hours which is doing very well. Lat 14.12 Lon 28 =

Sunday Nov 13" saw 2 sail and some blackfish weather quite warm the thermometer at 85, the wind has about died away. Lat 9.30 Lon 29, 05

Monday. Nov 14" saw 2 more sail, no wind at all very hot. Lat 9.25 Lon 27.30

Tuesday Nov 15" killed a dolphin and the Captain and Frank are getting specimens of sea insects and jellies and sun fish &c. the wind has all died away and the weather was very hot, we are nearly to the Equator. Lat 8.20 Lon 25.42

Wednesday Nov 16. saw a ship squally nasty weather and no wind. Lat 7.52 Lon did not get any #

Thursday Nov 17" To day is Libby's birthday and she says that she does not feel any older than she did yesterday it is to be celebrated in the usual way. squally weather continues. Lat 6.56 Lon 24.55

Friday Nov 18" squally weather continues with little wind saw 3 or 4 ships some 2 or 3 of them being English. Lat did not get any # Lon did not get any #

Saturday Nov 19" There were 3 or 4 ships this morning and in the evening 2 more, we spoke one a Maltese Brig but ^{did} not find her name. he asked for our Longitude and we for the same, the Captain asked them to report us but I do not suppose that he will, The "Yongqua" is a very nice ^{barque} ~~ship~~ about 580 tons. Aunt Elizabeth accomodations are very good. Frank's and mine being smaller, she is very stiff and goes along pretty well with a smart breeze, the weather cleared off to day and continued so this forenoon and light showers this afternoon, we have now had rainy, nasty weather all the week and are now looking out for better. Lat 4.56 Lon 26.12

Sunday Nov 20" Strong breezes and rainy weather caught three or four flying fish. Lat 3.20 Lon 27.47

Monday Nov 21" strong breezes and fine weather saw a ship saw some blackfish, Lat 1.10 Lon 30.30

Tuesday, Nov 22" saw a ship going the same way and beat her. signalled the Indian Queen, had strong breezes and fine weather and she goes along nicely made 225 miles yesterday. Lat 1.03.5. Lon 32.22 #

Wednesday Nov 23" Fine weather and fine breezes and she is going along nicely. caught a "Barraconta" and had him fried for Supper. he had a good set of teeth and when he was brought in was full of water. he tasted very well for a deep water fish all the folks are well and Frank has begun on the Water Cure for his ankles. The Second Mate. (Mr Brown) got a large tub and bored a hole in bottom of it and Frank has it set up and then puts his feet under it and lets the stream run for about quarter and hour 3 times a day. everybody says it will do them good + Lat 3.52.5 Lon 33.22 *

Thursday Nov 24" Thanksgiving Day. at home: Plum puddings and Roast Turkey and a holiday for everybody and a good time, at sea Roast Beef and plum pudding and everybody trying to pass the time away fine breeze and everybody looking out for Christmas their ^{next} "Holyday" Lat 6.44. Lon 33.04.

Friday Nov 25" This morning saw and passed the Ship Anne Logan from London bound for Valparaíso asked from where bound to and how many days out and our Longitude answered and then we asked their Longitude name where from and where bound to. saw another ship which was a Whaler ~~which~~ has been with us all this afternoon. Lat 9.44 Lon 33.02

Saturday Nov 26" saw the Whaler which was with us yesterday but instead of being to Leeward was to windward in the same position. saw another ship in the afternoon way to Leeward. the weather has been fine for the last week and the breeze light everybody has been well thus far and enjoying themselves as much as they can while at sea. Lat 12.11 Lon 32.52
Saw a Large school of porpoises but did not catch any #

Sunday Nov 27" Caught a Barracouta and had him fried for Breakfast, about 2 o'clock saw a pretty good sized shark with three or four Pilot fish around him. Aunt Elizabeth saw him, and Uncle Thomas hooked him, and ~~the~~ everybody was excited they finally got him in on the main deck and then the sailors took him and cut him up, found a whole Dolphin and part of another fish, they had Shark ~~for Breakfast~~ aft and forward, Johnny was the only one that eat any in the Cabin. Lat 13.44 Lon 32.06.

Monday Nov 28" Fine weather and the wind has been very ^{Light} calm for the last three or four days. Went down the Main Top Gallant Yard and put up a new one. Lat 14.35 Lon did not get any "

Tuesday Nov 29" The fine weather continues and winds have been very light for three or four days. Saw a splendid looking Clipper Ship. The Captain thinks she belonged to Boston because she had no signals. displayed our Private Signal and she answered with the same. Lat 16.44 Lon 31.27

Wednesday Nov 30" light winds and fine weather saw a ship in the afternoon, the time passes slowly all hands are well. Lat 18.35 Lon 30.45-

Thursday Dec 1" saw the island of Trinidad. this morning the ~~first~~ land we have seen since we left New York the wind has been light for two or three days. Lat 21.03 Lon 29.49


Friday Dec 2" Caught a Barracouta last night which makes the third one, we have had beautiful weather for about two weeks. we had a nice little breeze to day. Lat 23.45 Lon 28.40

Saturday Dec 3" Light winds and warm weather saw a fin back whale last night, we hope soon to get into cooler weather. Lat 25.24 Lon 28.40

Sunday Dec 4" Killed a pig yesterday and had Roast Pork and Plum Pudding about 10 o'clock caught 2 Pilot Fish and had them fried for supper. Lat 26.37 Lon 27.18.

Monday Dec 5th saw large quantities of fish
to day viz^d Dolphins, Bonita, Albacore. Skip Jack
but they were very shy but did not get any.
Lat 27.21 Lon 26.59

Tuesday Dec 6th this morning saw 7 ships and
all laying still they all kept the same
positions, towards night an American ship
fired a gun and an Englishman returned
with a rocket but the Yankee gave him a
rocket and a gun so as not to be outdone,
it has been calm for three or four days so that
accounts for so many ships being in the
same place we have had beautiful weather
for about three weeks with a very little
wind all the folks are well but they think
it begins to look like a long passage, we have
seen a great many ships since we have been
away from home but we have not seen
many American ships they have been
mostly English, Lat 28.24 Lon 26.18.

~~Friday~~  Wednesday Dec 7th a nice little
breeze sprang up this morning, and we saw 5 ships
out of the seven one of those that were to leeward
last night was ahead of us this morning and
about 10 or 11 o'clock went out of sight ahead, the
other one to leeward was a large Clipper Ship and
she was on the quarter in the morning and towards
evening she was ahead some distance but the
greatest excitement of all was about a ship that
has been to windward two or three days she displayed
the Stars and Stripes about 8 o'clock then her signal
with name of Berwick the Captain of our ship did
the same, and drew up a little nearer to him he then
hoisted his right name (the Andes) having made
a mistake in the signals before, he asked us where
we were from and where bound to our longitude and
how many days out. ^{Ans} Barque Hongqua, New York to
Hong Kong 47 days out Lon 25.40 he then answered
the questions. Andes, Boston bound for Penang
25.49 Lon. Capt Cartwright then asked him
what ship he spoke yesterday, he told us the English
ship Phoenix from Liverpool to Auckland New
Zealand full of passengers. ~~It~~ ^{is} is a ship of
about 380 tons she had only ~~two~~ two studding sails

viz - Lower studding sail and fore topmast studding sail and ~~and~~ we had three or four set, she was some ways astern in the morning when we first saw her but all the forenoon she kept coming up just before dinner he was pretty well up, while we were at dinner the second mate told the Captain that he had signals up and he went up to see what it was. he gave us his longitude = 25.30 and we gave him 25.31, after dinner we went up to see how he got along and he went right past us near enough to speak he kept ahead till the breeze began to freshen and then we began to come up with him, about 3 o'clock we were playing a game of Whist and Johnny came and told us that the flags were going up again, we went up and they spelt out some news from home, "Mr Cook and Wife were well" we sent back "The Family send their thanks" she gave us how many days she was out viz 42 and also wished us a good voyage, we sent her our best respects and also asked them to report us at Penang they answered, "Yes I will" about 5 o'clock she began to go astern slowly and at dark we could see her she ~~then~~ steered off more

after she went to leeward, saw a school of sperm Whales about 4 or 5 o'clock we have got a nice breeze and going along finely, all the folks are well, Lat 38.06 Lon 25.12

Thursday Dec 8th This morning found on waking up a very fresh breeze and saw our friend (the Andes) some ways astern, it showered during the forenoon and towards dinner time began to blow pretty fresh, took in the Main and Fore Royal, Spanker, Gaff Topsail, towards night it blowed pretty hard and she rolled pretty bad and a regular sheet of water from one end to the other, The Andes kept coming up all the day and at night was some ways ahead we reefed the topsails after supper one reef in the mainsail but had to haul up it afterwards, The Andes reefed her topsails before supper so that while we were reefing she came up and passed us, Libby felt a little sick all day, Aunt Elizabeth felt a little fristate till night and then she began to feel a little sick, Lat did not get any, Lon 23.25—

Friday Dec 9th The wind died away and set all sail there is a very heavy swell from the South West and she lays rolling. Frank has been first rate since we left New York. He keeps school in the morning about 10 o'clock and Libby and Johnny have learnt more with him than they did while they were at school at home. Libby is learning the principles of music Johnny is learning to write his A. B. C. on his slate and altogether they get along pretty well. Uncle Thomas, Captain Frank and myself generally play cards to pass away the time. play Whist in the forenoon and in the afternoon all fours. Lat 34.22 Lon 20.50

Saturday Dec 10th The wind has all died away and it looks rainy. we saw a great many fin back whales some very near the ship. saw some birds such as Albatross, Molly Mock &c. we saw this afternoon the ghost of Capt Norton in the shape of an Albatross. Lat 35.06 Lon 19.18

Sunday Dec 11th This morning caught a Molly Mock and a very nice looking little bird. about 3 o'clock tied a label to him and let him go. it is very cloudy. dull sort of a day with light winds. Lat 35.40 Lon 17.54

Monday Dec 12th Killed a pig Saturday and had Roast Pork and Plum Pudding yesterday for dinner. got a nice breeze to day going along nicely some part of the time going 10 knots. saw some Cape Pigeons the weather has been very fine for three or four weeks and everybody is enjoying themselves as much as possible. Lat 36.59. Lon 15.29

Tuesday Dec 13th This morning saw the islands of Tristan D'Acunha. Inaccessible. Nightingale. North. the largest being the North 8200 feet high saw large quantities of birds. Albatross. Cape Pigeons. Right Whale. Hager. Ring eyed. Hager. Blue Jay. Mother Carey Chicken. Albatross of three or four kinds. the islands were about 20 miles off. from us. all the folks are well. Lat 37.37. Lon 12.29.

Wednesday Dec 14" saw a ship this morning, the weather looked rather dubious during the morning but towards 2 o'clock it cleared off the wind has shifted three or four times to day. saw the Southern Cross this evening, Lat 37.39 Lon 8.56

Thursday Dec 15" We had a light breeze this morning but towards night a nice little breeze sprung up. Reopened Sarah Ellen's Letter this morning which was quite interesting. for myself and for the rest of us I thank her for her good wishes and also hope that the same may be hers! Lat 38.14 Lon 6.12

Friday Dec 16" fine weather and a nice fine breeze going along nicely everybody feeling firstrate we are now drawing near to the Cape and hope to be round sometime next week, Lat 38.58 Lon 2.50

Saturday Dec 17" the fine breeze continues and on going up on deck, saw a ship which came up and passed us and then steered to the southward, it was kind of hazy and had no chance to speak, they supposed it to be the English Ship Phoenix bound for Auckland New Zealand, full of passengers, Lat 39.58 Lon 1.50

Sunday Dec 18" the fine breeze continues and the ship goes along very well, the ship has been wet all the passage except three or four calm days, and as for rolling she rolls about so that it is hard work to eat your victuals. it is not once in a while but the whole time rolling. I wish that the man who wrote the song Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep was in her just where we are now it would be a fine chance to add three or four more verses, Lat 40.02 Lon 6.01

Monday Dec 19" the fine breeze still holds to us and we hope to be in the Longitude of the Cape by Wednesday or Thursday, towards night the breeze freshened so that they had to take in all sail except Topsails Fore Sail Fore Topmast Staysail, and towards 10 or 12 o'clock rolled pretty bad and shipped some very heavy seas so that the man at the wheel was wet through and everybody on deck also, all the folks are well, Lat 40.08 Lon 10.21

Tuesday Dec 20" Fine weather and beautiful breeze and the ship is going along nicely. Everybody looking out for Christmas. Lat 40.35. Lon 14.50.

Wednesday Dec 21" Fine weather and a nice fine breeze we shall be eastward of the Cape by tomorrow, Uncle Thomas believing in the power of the "Hongqua" to make a fair passage to China bet with Aunt Elizabeth that she would make the passage to Hong Kong from the Cape of Good Hope in 45 days beginning to count the days from 4 o'clock this afternoon. at 4 o'clock this afternoon we were to the eastward of the Cape so that the bet began we have now had a fine strong breeze for about 8 days. Lat 40.48. Lon 19.19

Thursday Dec 22 the wind has all died away and it begins to cloud up. saw a school of Porpoises and they came under the bow the mate got the harpoon ready but they came around once or twice then shot off the weather has grown warmer since we have been in the Indian Ocean. Lat 40.44. Lon 22.06

Friday Dec 23" the wind has all died away and the weather continues fine towards night it began to breeze a little. saw some little fish around the ship and Frank and the Captain have been catching them with their net. Lat 41.57. Lon 23.16.

Saturday Dec 24" the wind continues light and on getting up this morning saw a large school of ~~porpoises~~ Blackfish. towards evening it began to cloud up and looked squally and about 8 o'clock a nice breeze sprung up. Johnny hung up his stocking for the benefit of "Santa Claus" all the folks are well. Lat 41.01 Lon = did not get any "

Sunday Dec 25" Christmas Day at home I suppose everybody ~~is~~ enjoying themselves and having a good time generally. killed a pig yesterday and ^{had} Roast Pork and Plum Pudding. No day for dinner. The sailors enjoyed themselves and had something a little extra. = = = all the folks are well and in good spirits and hope in about 60 days to be in Hong Kong Harbor. all night. Lat 41.08 Lon 29.35.

Monday Dec 26" fine beautiful weather with a nice breeze. Uncle Thomas is ~~very~~ ^{sick} with a little sick with a bad cold and sick headache. Towards 8 o'clock it looked squally and about 9 o'clock it we had a pretty heavy squall with a heavy shower of Rain and it blowed pretty hard for a 1/2 an hour. Lat 41.11. Lon 33.20.

Tuesday Dec 27" Fine breezes with fine weather. Uncle Thomas has been sick for two or three days with a bad cold. She rolls worse than ever, and ^{here} is a regular river running fore and aft all the time, sometimes throwing 3 or 4 Hogheads over the rail at one time. Lat 41.19 Lon 37.20.

Wednesday Dec 28" the weather looked a little hazy all day and about 1/2 past six it began to blow hard took in all sail except two Sail, Fore Topmast Staysail, took two Reefs in the Main and two Topsails, and as for water about 20 or 30 Hogheads coming in at one time, about 1/2 past 7 one of the Cabin doors being open a sheet of water came in flooded the Mate and Second Mate's Room and half way into the Cabin and the Boys belonging to the ship had to stand a

watch in the Cabin. Gangway bailing water out all night and the water came ⁱⁿ after all the doors were shut hardly anybody ~~after~~ slept any during the night. The rolled very heavy and when she would ship these tremendous seas she would tremble all over I don't care how quick we get to China for she is the most uncomfortable ~~can~~ vessel that I ever heard of. Lat 41.23 Lon 41.49

Thursday Dec 29" Made all sail again with "nice breeze and a very heavy swell, towards night it began to grow calm. Lat 41.07 Lon 46.59

Friday Dec 30" Fine weather and light winds but towards noon it began to cloud up and about 5 or 6 o'clock commenced to rain with a breeze from the Northeast. We tried to catch an Albatross yesterday but they would scale over the bait and then fly away. everybody is in good health and spirits. For myself I am in good condition being pretty stout and having an excellent appetite so much so that I eat a good many things that I would not touch at home. Aunt Elizabeth, Frank, Libby and Johnny have all good appetites. Lat 41.13 Lon did not get any

Saturday Dec 31st Fine strong breeze with plenty of it and a very heavy snow making her roll about as bad as I have ever seen her. I suppose at home to night (New Year Eve) everybody are having nice times. Lat 41.53 Lon 54.21

Sunday January 1st 1860. = Light winds and rainy misty weather. This the beginning of a New Year how many good resolutions made and kept for a short time and then broken. I suppose the folks at home are thinking of us as we roam and wondering where we are now and Grandfather looks over the Chart and tells them. The Sailors last night at 12 o'clock rang the old year out and the New Year in. The folks want to get to China as quick as possible. Lat did not get any. Lon did not get any.

Monday, Jan 2nd Light winds with beautiful weather the air is beautiful. The mate broke out the Main and after Hatch after stores and wood and we had something to do in looking on and it passed away the time very well. We expect to see St Pauls sometime this week. Lat 41.26 Lon 60.40

Tuesday, Jan 3rd Fine breeze with beautiful weather Johnny is sick with a bad cold and he is kind of fractious. All the folks are well. Lat 41.33 Lon 64.21

Wednesday, Jan 4th Fine breeze with fine weather and during the day light showers. The mate put up a platform today for the purpose of mending sails the Captain's Wife has her birthday today the Captain celebrated the day in the usual manner. I pass away the time mostly in looking on, either in mending sails, breaking open the Hatches and all the other kinds of work that is done on board the Ship. I have been aloft as far as the Top Gallant Yard. we have now been out 11 weeks and every week that passes away now makes us think more of China, and I hope for myself to be there in ^{that} weeks from today at any rate not more than. Lat 41.22. Lon 68.14

Thursday Jan 5th Fine breeze with cloudy weather. Frank has made a Portland Quadrant for Johnny and he takes the sun. We expect to pass St Pauls by tomorrow night but I suppose we shall not see as we are not in the Latitude of it. Lat 41.13. Lon 72.39

Friday Jan 6" Very strong breeze with cloudy weather
 look in light sail, it is very cold weather now and
 it is hard work to keep ~~water~~^{warm}, and the water is
 running in all the time sometimes the ship's ~~bow~~^{bow} is
 under water, everybody is shivering and shaking and
 hope we will soon be in warmer weather, we have ^{had} good
 strong breezes the whole twenty four hours and all the
 ship has made is a little over 4 degrees. I don't think
 much of the Hougou's sailing. Lat 41.37 Lon 77.28

Saturday Jan 7" Fine strong breeze with Cloudy
 weather killed a pig this afternoon. This is fine
 weather for the sailors as they have nothing to do
 Johnny has ^{had} a cold for some time. Lat 39.41 Lon 81.57

Sunday Jan 8" The strong breeze continues and we
 are about deluged with water, the rushing of
 water is heard from Morning till night
 When we sit down to our meals we hear the
 water rushing back and forth, the weather
 continues cold, we had Roast Pork and Plum
 Pudding again to day, all the folks are well
 except Johnny. Lat 39.26 Lon 86.09

Monday Jan 9" Saw a Lunar Deer which was
 a very pretty sight. We have had a nice fine
 breeze for about 10 days, the weather was cloudy
 and towards noon the sun came out. Uncle Thomas
 saw a school of Fish and towards night we had
 a fine breeze with smooth water. The Ladies Libby
 and Johnny got on deck to day which is quite a
 unusual thing. Lat 39.14 Lon 90.11

Tuesday Jan 10" Nice fine breeze with pleasant weather
 but towards night it clouded up again, all the
 folks are well and enjoy themselves as much as
 they can, but it is very hard work to pass time
 away and if we did not play cards once in a
 while the time would go slowly. Lat 39. Lon 94.

Wednesday Jan 11" Fine breeze with cloudy weather
 they began to make mats for the rigging to day.
 the Carpenter is building a large vessel for the
 Second Mate and one of the Sailors is making
 me one a regular Clipper we expect to be up to
 Sandalwood Island before long, we begin to have
 some better weather. Lat 38.13 Lon 97.38

Thursday Jan 12th Fine weather with light winds
saw a school of porpoises. the weather has begun
to grow better and last night had a fine breeze
The sunset to night was beautiful, saw a school
of porpoises to day. Frank and Myself manage
to pass away the time in looking at what is
going on. Lat 36.57. Lon 101.05

Friday Jan 13th Fine weather with light winds.
Today for an unusual thing we had dry decks
which is the first time for two months. The
Carpenter ~~and~~ is building a ship for the second
Mate (Mr Brown) a regular clipper. we help
him a little to pass away the time. for we
do anything to please other folks and make the
time go fast. 35.59 Lon 102.40

Saturday Jan 14th Fine weather with light winds
We had dry decks and splendid weather. Helped
make Chain Plates for the second Mate's ship
which kept me employed all the morning and
half of the afternoon. Lat 34.42 Lon 104.09

Sunday Jan 15th Fine beautiful weather with
light winds. had Roast Pork and Plum Pudding
to day for dinner. after dinner a nice breeze sprung
up from the S.E. and continued until 42 past noon
when it altered to the S.E. to day we had a beau-
tiful sunrise and during the day a shower while
we were eating dinner. Lat 32.10. Lon 105.11

Monday Jan 16th Fine beautiful weather with nice
breezes. the decks are wet again having been dry
for three days a very unusual circumstance. Aunt
Elizabeth is firstrate and Johnny has had
a new frock made trimmed with velvet and
a pair of pants also trimmed with velvet and
a ~~set~~ Deceth Cap to wear on shore. we
expect to get stronger breezes before long. Lat 30.02 Lon 106.04

Tuesday Jan 17th Fine beautiful weather with
1 nice breeze. the Sailors have caught
two or three flying fish. One or two the Tailors
are sick, ^{one} with the Jaundice another with the
Bowel Complaint and one of the Boys has
got a very sore finger a felon I believe. all the
folks are well. Lat 27.04. Lon 107.29

Wednesday Jan 18" Fine breeze with beautiful weather
Saw a number of Tropic Birds called *Disturians*
The weather begins to grow warm. I suppose we
shall be at Sandalwood Island next week
We have had fine weather for a week, and a
brilliant clear sky. I have seen some very good
sized Cockroaches. Lat 24.12. Lon 109.19

Thursday Jan 19" Fine breeze with beautiful
weather. The weather has been very warm to-
day and yesterday and I have not slept very
well not going to sleep till 8 bells. (12 o'clock)
The Cockroaches have invaded Aunt Elizabeth's
and the Captain's Rooms and about every night
we find a great ~~to~~ Cockroach and the Ladies
can't go to sleep till he is found and killed
now that the weather is getting warm the
folks (I don't suppose will eat anything as
they never do in warm weather.) Lat 21.41. Lon

Friday Jan 20" Nice fine breeze with beautiful
weather. Did not feel very well last night
I suppose it is the sudden change of weather
which made me feel so. Lat 19.28 Lon

Saturday Jan 21" Nice breeze with fine weather
The weather has been very hot for three or four
days, and Eating and sleeping are very hard work.
I suppose we shall be at the Islands Tuesday or
Wednesday. All the folks are pretty well consider-
ing the weather. Lizzy is wondering whether her dress-
es will be too small for her. Lat 17.19. Lon 113.14

Sunday Jan 22" Fine breeze with beautiful weather
it is a very warm to day the thermometer being
50-85 in the Cabin at Sunrise, and a very
warm night so that sleeping is a hard matter
saw a Man of War Hawk a ~~strong~~ sign
that the Land is not far off. Aunt
Elizabeth has had two or three encounters
with the Cockroaches and last night there
was one in the room and she did not sleep
well. Lat 14.36. Lon 114.35

Monday Jan 23" Fine breeze with beautiful weather
Saw three or four schools of porpoises and they
came round the bow. One the sailors hit one
with a harpoon and they got him half way
up the bow, and then he got away. Lat 12.13. Lon 116.37

Tuesday Jan 24" Fine breeze with fine ~~clear~~ weather. Saw lots of Boobies and we are drawing near to the land, saw a Yellow Tropic Bird. I suppose we shall be in China in three or four weeks. And I sincerely hope we shall, every minute seems an hour and the time passes away very slowly, Lat 10.31. Lon 119.02.

Wednesday Jan. 25" Fine breeze with beautiful weather saw a number of Man of War Hawks and other birds, saw and passed ~~at~~ the islands Jan. Ja. and Suava did not see Sandalwood Island because we went too far south, the thermometer ranged for the last three or four days from 80 to 90. Uncle Thomas sleeps on deck these warm nights and the Captain was up all last night keeping a lookout, towards nine or ten o'clock the wind began to grow light, Lat 10.13. Lon 122.05

Thursday Jan 26" Fine breeze, saw the island of Timor but all the islands that we have seen yet we have not been very near, this morning about 1/2 past 12 the bolt that holds the Gaff broke and the Spanker Boom

came on deck with a rush, the bolt was ~~two~~ pretty well off and they were nearly all the forenoon before it was fixed, in the afternoon we saw lots of stumps of trees chips, cuttle fish, and large stumps of trees with birds on them in ~~great~~ great numbers, about 1/2 past 2 o'clock saw a small island where last year the ship in coming home had to get out their sculls and pull her round from going into the island. ~~we~~ saw lots of Benetee but did not catch any, last night we had a very heavy shower with sharp lightning and heavy thunder and squally all this morning, it made me feel a great deal better to see the Land ~~and~~ we got some, Sea Beans and a Crab and a small fish, Lat 9.14. Lon 123.50

Friday Jan 27" Light winds with squally weather saw the Island of Combay about 5 miles and we could see the ~~Coconut~~ Cocoa but I did not see the green spots, we saw a number of Tide Rips. The island of Timor and Combay forms the Combay Passage about 15 miles in width, We saw large number of Porpoises, Black Fish

Friday Jan 27th "Lon" and three large Sharks with large number of Killers we shall be at Bouru in two days. Towards 7 or 8 o'clock a nice breeze sprang up. Lat 8.10. Lon 124.27

Saturday Jan 28th Nice breeze and fine weather saw a lot of porpoises the weather has been squally with a great deal of thunder and lightning for three or four days. the days as we draw nearer to China seem to grow longer and the time passes very slowly. all the folks are well. Lat 5.41 Lon 125.65

Sunday Jan 29th Nice breeze and fine weather it was squally weather with heavy thunder and sharp lightning towards noon saw the island of Bouru about 30 miles distant and the high mountain of Tomahoe. This Island on different parts is inhabited by the Dutch and is very fertile. about 3 o'clock saw a Malay Proa which as it drew near hoisted the Dutch Flag. it was a queer looking vessel. saw a number of schools of Porpoises. Black Fish and also a little Kingfisher. Lat 3.6 Lon 125.57

Monday Jan 30th it was calm this morning but it was very fine weather. the thermometer was up to 87° and we saw the islands of Bouru and S. Culla Doya and we made 30 miles the last 24 hours. This morning scraped the ships side and they got quite a lot of sea weed and barnacles ^{off of her} saw large quantities of Skip Jack, Bonita, Albacore, Porpoises. Black Fish and also saw a very large Shark who was making great work among the small fish.

The Captain caught with his net lots of sea insects small fish &c. we saw three or four water Snakes and tried to catch some but we did not succeed, saw a small turtle who came along with a stick and there was great excitement in trying to catch him ~~by~~ but they lost him after all, we saw a part of a Proa with number of birds floating on it. we have not seen many land birds except a few Boobies with one or two man of war hawks. Lat 2.55 Lon 125.57

Tuesday Jan 31st Saw a number of porpoises and Black Fish. We had a fine breeze to day and also some rain, about 1/2 past two o'clock saw a Cosmiant or Ball of Fire on the Main Truck and at the time it was raining very hard. Lat 2.45. Lon 126.05

Wednesday Feb 1" Fine breeze all day and we had to wait between two islands, viz Pulo Casses and Chy Maja. The Island of Pulo Casses is very thickly covered with trees and presented a very pretty sight. all the folks are well. Lat 1.49 Lon 128.20.

Thursday Feb 2" Fine breeze and beautiful weather saw the islands of Chy Maja, Pulo Casses, The Button Keelik, Pulo Pisang, and Gilolo the islands of Chy Maja and Pulo Casses form the entrance to Gilolo Passage we had a strong breeze all day about 1/2 past 6 o'clock Frank looked at the line and saw a large fish. The Captain and Frank hauled it in and it proved to be a large Albicore weighing about 50 lbs so that it will enough for all hands. Lat 1.18 Lon 128.53

Friday, Feb 3" Fine breeze with beautiful weather saw the islands of Gely, Gaga, Gilolo and another small island. it ~~is~~ has been fine weather ^{for about a week}. Saw two ships to day one of them supposed to be an Englishman. all the folks are well. Lat 0.33.S. Lon 130.03

Saturday Feb 4" Fine breeze with beautiful weather Saw two ships this morning. this afternoon about 1/4 past 3 spoke one of them, which was the Forest Eagle from Timor's Town (Cape of Good Hope) bound for Shanghai we passed ^{her} she was deep loaded and a fine looking ship she belongs to Thomaston, Me. and if the ship did not belie her looks was a very good sailer. Lat 1.11 N Lon 130.11

Sunday Feb 5" Light winds and fine weather saw ^{the} two ships and we signalized the other one which was an English ship but her name was not in the Signal book she being a new ship. she was from Lanelley in Wales bound for Shanghai 117 day from Wales. Last night about 10 min before 1 o'clock the Bolt on the Gaff broke again and the sprinker Boom came down with a rush this other ^{ship} was deep loaded also and we passed her. Lat 0.44 Lon 130.21
Sunday - Lon - about 2 o'clock This afternoon we were on a shoal the depth being from 12 to 15 fathoms About 6 o'clock saw a brig with painted ports but did not signalize it being too dark -

Monday Feb 6" Light winds and fine weather
saw the two ships and the Brig which we
have seen for two days all the folks are
in good health, the weather have been very
warm for ~~about~~ two weeks. ~~Lat 49.00~~ —
Lat. 0.44. Lon 130.37

Tuesday Feb 7" Light winds and fine weather
saw the two ships and the Brig who have
been with us for four days. The "Wouqua" just
keeps ahead and that is all, the weather
has been very warm for three or four days
some of the time being 90° in the shade.
Uncle Thomas has lost his bet the time
being up. Last Saturday afternoon at 4
o'clock saw the islands of Wanga and two
smaller ones and one being called Budd
Island, Lat 0.41 Lon 130.57

Wednesday Feb 8" Light winds and fine weather
but very warm about 120° in the Sun. Saw
another Brig last night which is supposed to
be trading among the islands. The English ship
was with us to day also. Lat 0.7 Lon 131.21

Thursday Feb 9" Light winds and fine weather
saw the Island of New Guinea inhabited by
Cannibals one of the high mountains the
top part represents a saddle. The English Ship
keeps company with us. Lat 0.2 S. Lon 132.21

Friday Feb 10" Light winds and fine weather
saw the Island this morning again the
English Ship is not very far off. Lat 0.20 S. Lon 132.30

Saturday, Feb 11" Light winds and fine weather
The English Ship not far off but nearer the
the Island we have not altered our bearings
any for the last twenty four hours
about two o'clock saw a good sized shark
and threw over the line he took it very
quick they brought him alongside the ship
and the Captain tried to put a harpoon
through him but the harpoon bent four or
five times and finally he took hook and all
and left for better quarters. about 4 o'clock saw
another one and got the Shark hook and
we got him at 1/2 past 4 and the hands
forward had fried Shark for breakfast. Lat 0.7 N. Lon 132.35

Sunday Feb 12th To day the wind was light and the weather looked squally in the morning and about 10 o'clock a nice breeze sprung up but died away at dinner. The English ship was with us again to day but towards ^{evening} steered farther to the eastward, the Island of New Guinea still holds to us and we not made much progress - for the last week, saw schools of porpoises, Manx, Lat did not get any. Lat 132.38

Monday Feb 13th Nice fine breeze to day, did not see the ship to day, but saw the island of New Guinea about 60 miles distant, to day the Mate opened the Main Hatch for some wood, and then the after Hatch for some stores, in the afternoon the Second Mate Lashed the Spars on deck and also the Crows to make room for going into port and had everything cleared up. They painted the chain plates yesterday and pretty soon will begin to scrub the Paint work and make her a little brighter as she looks rusty. Lat 1.04. Lon 132.42

Tuesday Feb 14th dirty squally weather and a great deal of rain which was quite a blessing as we caught plenty of fresh water. we had a nice breeze and we now in the Northeast trades and I suppose if everything goes right we shall be in Hong Kong in 10 or 15 days all the folks are well. we saw two very ^{large} schools of Skip Jack. Lat 2.47 Lon 133.00

Wednesday Feb 15th Fine breeze and fine weather with a few squalls during the day, saw another large school of Skip Jacks and a number of Tropic Birds called Botswain. Frank has grown taller and looks better than when he came from home and in fact I think the voyage has done him good. Lat 4.44 Lon 132.35

Thursday Feb 16th Fine strong breeze and fine weather with two or three squalls during the day. had the Spanker Gaff taken down to day and jaws put on it as the bolt was broke off again. Lat 7.20 Lon 131.39

Friday Feb 17" Fine strong breezes with pleasant weather and the ~~Five~~ Lanyards of the Fore Rigging was set up the winds have been very strong for about a week, Frank and Myself had a clearing up to day to make ready for Pat. Lat 10.19 Lon 129.33

Saturday Feb 18" Fine strong breezes with pleasant weather. The folks are going to commence clearing up on Monday and put things to rights. They begin to scrub ship on Monday also and make her look a little cleaner. Lat 13.19 Lon 128.5

Sunday Feb 19" Fine breeze till ~~about~~ 2 o'clock and then rather light with a heavy swell, the weather ~~has~~ has been very ~~fine~~ for a week, set Studding Sails to day and it is a very long time since they were set before to day. Aunt Elizabeth has a good appetite and looks ~~very~~ very well. Lat 16.19 Lon 127.43.

Monday Feb 20" Light winds and squally weather with a little rain, saw three or four fine dolphins around the ship but did not catch any. They scrubbed ship to day and made her look quite clean, Aunt Elizabeth also had a fine clearing out and found that some of the shore clothes were mouldy, Lat 17.26 Lon 126.59

Tuesday Feb 21" Light winds and fine weather. They killed the last Pig to day and as to-morrow being Washington's Birthday we will have Roast Pork and Plum Pudding again we expect to be at Hong Kong sometime next week. Lat 17.40. Lon 126.53

Wednesday Feb 22" Nice little breeze and fine weather. To Day is George Washington's Birthday, and was celebrated in a quiet kind of way on board ship, The Sailors had Tea Pie and something little extra = = = = We expect to be at the "Buck" Islands by tomorrow or next day - Lat 18.53. Lon 125.12

Thursday Feb 23^d Fine strong breeze with
massy rainy weather. During the day it
rained very hard but at night it cleared
up. I suppose we shall see the ^{is}les to
morrow morning, and then we shall
begin to look for Hong Kong. Lat 20.41 Lon did
not get any #.

Friday Feb 24th Fine breeze and fine weather.
Saw the Boats on getting up this morning.
They scraped the Masts this morning and
this afternoon the Studding Sail Booms.
about 4 o'clock saw the island of Lamosa.
The wind was fair all day but in the evening
changed to a head wind, we are now in the
China Sea. Lat 21.20⁰ Lon 120.42

Saturday Feb 25th Light winds and fine
weather got up the chains this morning
and catled and fished the Anchors
which began to look something like going
into Port the signal hails are all rose
at The Peak. Mizen ~~and~~ Main and Fore
we saw a large school of Porpoises and

a shark. about 2 o'clock saw a vessel which
proved to be an English Man of War supposed
to be bound for Shanghai. The vessel had about
50 Guns and you could large numbers
of Men on board in the Tops on the Rigging
and there was one man on the Dolphin
Stiker with the Grains or Harpoon everything
looked neat and pretty about her, she only
hoisted the British Ensign and did not
signalize any more. Lat 21.40. Lon 119.11

Sunday Feb 26th Nice little breeze and fine weather
This morning on waking up went forward
on the Forecastle and saw some fine Yellow
Tails a species of Dolphin. The Second
Mate (Mr Brown) took the Grains and
went out on the Dolphin Stiker and
caught 4 and killed three more and
one Dolphin jumped up right on the
Grains and flew off again. About 4
o'clock saw a large Clipper Ship supposed
to be bound for Shanghai. saw a large
number of Cow Fish. but did not
catch any. Lat 21.58 Lon 117.35

Monday Feb 27" Fine breeze saw large quantities of Chinese fishing smacks and lots of porpoises and other fish saw a large number of Cuttle fish and caught one or two specimens saw a number of water snakes, Lat 22.15 Lon 116.04

Tuesday Feb 28" Fine breeze, on waking up this morning saw Chinese Fishing boats in large numbers and about 1/2 past 7 saw a pilot boat backed the main yard and he came aboard, about 10 o'clock saw a fine looking Brigantine belonging to Hamburg who gave her name as the Bertha supposed to be bound for Shanghai, about Quarter before ten saw the island of Pedro Blanco about 1/2 past 1 saw Green island and the Pilot thought we would be in the Harbor some time to night we had a good breeze all day but rather light towards night, Lat - Lon -

* Wednesday Feb 29" mostly muggy weather but the vessel kept drifting in slowly and I suppose we shall soon be in Hong Kong Harbor as we now see the island. we have arrived in the harbor and after a passage of 133 days find ourselves all right and well, the boats and all the Chinamen are coming and as I now see this Thos Hunt & Co's boat coming off must close this ~~the~~ Journal having had taking it altogether a pleasant passage. # #

Thursday Mar 1. Thos Hunt ^{Co.} have got a nice place commanding a full view of the Harbor the House is very pleasantly situated having large number of apartments and the store and Godowns beneath are also very large. the Upper or Third Story is occupied by the Folks belonging to the ~~House~~ Firm, the Second Story is rented to D. Lussan Sons & Co Merchants and the ~~underneath~~ ~~is~~ on the ground floor is the Store and Godowns with everything mentionable. the ~~the~~ hours to dine would not suit the folks at home very well. Breakfast at 1/2 past 8. Supper at 1 or 1/2 ~~the~~ past Dinner at 7

we were very kindly received by Henry Endicott the head of the Firm in HongKong. but did not see Father and Mother for two days they being over to Macao, #

~~Thursday~~ Friday Mar 2 passed a very pleasant time in looking round, took a walk round the place and should think it would be very pleasant in winter time because in summer it is very hot and nearly all the time the clouds hang over the place like a thick veil #

Saturday, we looked all over the store saw all the goods and everything in the Godowns and we went to see some Japanese ware after dinner. the ware is much superior to the Chinese in every respect. #

Sunday the folks came over yesterday and we were glad enough to see them again they are well which is a great thing neither of them having enjoyed themselves to any

great extent on the passage out it was rainy nearly day did not go anywhere #

Monday, we all left for Macao in the "Tung Man" and arrived about 4 o'clock saw Mr and Mrs Endicott and her children the folks ~~stayed~~ with them a couple of days and day after to morrow we leave for our new home Whampoa.

Tuesday We went around Macao which is a dull sort of a place and I was really glad to hear that we were going to Whampoa day after to morrow was introduced to Mr Hunter and went to his residence which is a very fine house.

Wednesday went with Mr Endicott and the folks up on the hill where he ^{thinks} intends building a house and ~~and it is~~ it is a very fine place for one #

Thursday. We started in Capt. Conduitt's
boat the Spunk at 8 o'clock for our new
home the boat is a fine one and goes along
very well we arrived all right and found
Whampoa a very pleasant place #

Friday. Father thinks of letting up the
picks for the comfort and convenience
of all hands and I will not ~~to the point~~ write
anything further for a week as there is
nothing very special #

Friday. Uncle Thomas has been to
Hongkong and Macao on a visit and returned
to day in the White Cloud having had a
very pleasant time. ^{Frank and myself} ~~we~~ go to Hongkong to-
morrow on a visit as they are fixing all
the rooms and are going to make a new
one for us and I expect we shall have
a pleasant time #

Saturday

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Saturday Jan. 25th Left sad & lonely, all the folks left for home too alone except my Father, Mother, Brother, Aunt, Uncle, and Dear Frank all gone but I hope to meet them all before long, the day drags slowly away the longest one I have ever passed in my life, to look around I can hardly realize that they are all gone from me to stop, Capt. Caldwell arrived from Whampoa this afternoon and stops here to night. it seems good to have somebody to talk with, in doing I think it seems as if half of myself was taken away from me I wish that I had been left with me but I must live and live it is as for the best, the weather cold chilly and blue corresponds with the state of my feelings, Remember Dear Father and Dear Mother kind kisses God bless them both and all the rest of the folks giving them a safe and speedy passage, and to find all the near and dear ones in good health when they arrive home.

had about 10 or 12 Captains up stairs
this evening now there is no restraint
they will probably get up here pretty
soon to ascertain the strength of the house.
Capt Cartwright is selling Lard with
tells me to keep up a good breakfast it will
all come out right in the end, and now
Dear folks good night may your sleep be
as sweet and pleasant,

Sunday Jan 26. Woke up this morning sad,
and looked around to speak to Frank but
no answer came, laid back and had a good
cry when I thought now we used to come each
other up Sunday mornings, got up had a bath
and dressed went out to breakfast quite enough
Capt, Capt Endicott, Mrs Endicott, John, Marquer
and myself very little said dull and blue enough
finished breakfast went with Capt C. to Yeehung
to have his picture taken, then went on board the
Luzon from there to the Don Quixote room
then returned home sat down and read and
could not think for when I think of the
folks it makes me feel sad indeed Mrs Aunt

Elizabeth room to go into and have a chat
with the folks no dear Frank to go on the
hills and take a walk. The "Harris Home"
arrived this morning Capt Carver from
Bombay, also the "Comet" & "Lion"
from Japan (last I saw) who reports
having been chased by Pirates, Mr Endicott
had everything taken ^{out} of Aunt E's Father's Room
and the Tanners came and as to a and
and to mention will begin to paint, went
out to supper only Mr Endicott & myself
dull enough my appetite not very good
after supper stopped in the Dining Room talking
with Mr C. saw a very complimentary notice
of the treatment ^{by} the Captain & Officers
of the good journey given by the Officers who
took passage in the "Challenge" from Hong Kong
to Bombay, good night with pleasant dreams.

Sunday Jan 27. Morning dull gloomy and rainy
went down stairs saw Capt Cartwright of the "Whampoa"
this morning, tells me to keep up good spirits, (copied
in some Invoices, 12 o'clock had an Auction of 250
Bags Rice it brought a very good price, the "Aden"

arrived from Shanghai this morning reports the rebels making great preparations to attack the city. Sister Robbie the Violinist came in her. sold a Wardrobe to Mr Congar American Consul in H. received power of attorney from Capt Cartwright to look after some Japanese Toilet Set now in H. Duddell & Co's permission for them to sell handing the net proceeds to me, the hour of dinner changed from 2 till 3 & was not liked by anybody but Mr Endicott, bought 4 Books at auction today which cost \$4, grand dinner party to night, Capt Scott, Mr Bullen, Mr Wm Endicott, Mr Mac Donnell, Capt Pike, Capt J. P. Endicott were there passed off very well with Mr H. C. to a (D) (very beautiful Mutton) Seel, Duck, and baked Capons with, Fish, Mince Pie Bread Pudding I think that if they keep the late dinner hour some of them will be sick before long, Capt E tells ^{me} in writing to Father to tell him he has no left when it's good night and God bless you all Father Mother Aunt & Uncle & my dear Sister and brother and my dear Frank

Tuesday Jan. 28. Dull, nasty weather, nothing doing painting nearly finished in the room the look quite nice, the "White Falcon" arrived from Whampoa today. Mr Lammet married Miss Marsh Mice today H. Duddell who had auction this evening of Engravings and Fancy Goods, went but bought nothing no chance for a speculation, had Mr Mac Donnell to dinner again. this evening. Mr Endicott invites 7 or 8 Captains to come to dinner every evening as he thinks he will have to nobody here he does not and have to go back to respectable hours, Capt. Endicott returned to Macao today, sent the S. J. Co today, Capt O'malley taking charge of the Macao and the Seal English Man of War with 4 or 5 Gunboats leave for Shanghai tomorrow also one company of the 99th Regiment to protect the City of Shanghai from the (rebels) and now dear ones good night pleasant dreams and slumbers to you all, the Don Quixote Capt discharged here and came up just opposite the house today, the Raven goes to Macao to discharge.

Wednesday Jan 29. A dull gloomy and cold
 the coldest day I have ever seen in China
 bought 2 Chinaman Shirts also a thick
 pair of gloves for the cold weather,
 the Am ship "Thantom" Capt. Cargent
 arrived from Shanghai and goes into
 our dock to a coffee. The Capt. a young
 man about 28 years old appears to be a
 very nice fellow, shut up this afternoon
 at 4 o'clock and do not open till tomorrow so
 as to give the Chinamen a good holiday.
 They are making great preparations for the
 New Year. The "Kaffir Chief" arrived from
 San Francisco today. Our friends no later
 date from home. Capt. Ward formerly of
 the Bark "Pollander" came over from
 Macao to-day and stops here, we had
 another lot of people to night at dinner
 Capt. Ward, Capt. Cargent, a Gentleman
 whose name I do not know, John goes the whole
 figure takes Beer, Sherry Port and brandy
 and finishes off with a Big cigar.
 I don't think much of these 7 o'clock
 dinners and hope Mr. Endicott will

come back to the good old hour of 2 o'clock.
 I took a walk up round the hill to night
 but no Frank it seemed sad enough when
 I thought how Frank & myself used to
 take a walk up round the hill about every
 night. Dear Frank. God Bless him,
 ever thing very dull and I suppose will
 continue so for two or three days more. We sell
 500 bags California Oats at Auction on Saturday
 ex "Kaffir Chief". The "Pearl" left for Shanghai
 today one or two gunboats accompanying her.
 The "Apoll" arrived from East Coast today.
 Mrs. Parker and two children arrived. Mr. Parker
 did not come down this trip. The "Uden" left
 for the East today. Captain Carroll went
 up to bring the "Amay" down. "Washington's"
 Mast finished today and sent off, also Sparker
 Boom for the "Raven", and now Dear one good
 night may you have pleasant slumbers and
 happy dreams and all be in the enjoyment
 of good health and happiness. O. that I
 were with you, but I must be patient and
 wait for the good times coming.

67.
Thursday Jan 31st - China New Year
cold but pleasant. great number of fire
Crackers and Bombs fired off to day, went
of on board the "Don Quixote" and returned
on shore with Mr Cullen took a walk down
to the Race Course in the morning
in the afternoon after Tiffin took a walk down
to the West part of the town. the Chinese
Boys all had a grand time to day =

Friday Jan 31st Cold Weather still holds
on, went this morning to Messrs John Burd & Co
and received 20 Cases Yellow Metal and 3
Cases Nails for the Am Ship Phantom,
this afternoon shipped same to Whampoa for
"White Cloud" this afternoon minute guns
were fired in honor of the death of Prince
Albert, the Judge Shaw arrived from Amoy,
the Am Bark Melbourne from Bangkok.
the Capt Endicott came over from Macao to-day
Capt & Mrs Endicott dined here this evening,

68.
Saturday February 1st One week to-day since
all the folks left me it seems more than a
year. Suppose they are nearly to Batavia by
this time God give them a safe speedy & pleasant Passage
sold 300 Bag Cats at auction to day they
brought 2.00 pr Bag which is a very good price
the "Judge Shaw" arrived ^{in harbor} from Amoy to day,
and is consigned to Parker & Co. their first
consignment they have had.

Sunday Feb 2, Fine beautiful day, clear & cool,
went on board the "Daphne" and "Don Quixote"
had Capt Holt to dinner this evening,
Capt Endicott went to Whampoa yesterday morning
to look at the Spark she having struck on a
rock in her passage from Canton to
Whampoa, the "Lobos" laid on for San
Francisco good night and may you all be having
a more sociable and pleasant time than I am
this evening,

Monday Feb 3. Fine cool, pleasant weather, made up Saturdays Auction and delivered the Cate nothing arrived to-day, to-morrow morning I go to Whampoa to stop two or three days.

Tuesday Feb. 4. This morning started in the "White Cloud" for Whampoa soon after leaving passed the "Lingara" bound to Hong Kong and just by the Second Bar Sagoda passed the "Phantom" bound to Whampoa to dock, arrived in Whampoa at 20 minutes past 1 went over the chop and had a spare room given me found all the folks well, soon after went with Capt Haskell to the Docks saw Mr Brush, Pereira, the "Forge Juan" Spanish Steamer is in the large dock having a large number of plank taken out of her to ascertain if she is good enough to undertake a voyage to Spain and the repairs will probably amount to 4 or 5 thousand Dollars, the "Hongqua" is in the middle

dock coppering and will be finished to-morrow, the Spark will be in the little dock repairing and will come out to-morrow, after I arrived had an invitation from Mr Brush to go for a Chowder Party on French Island I went with him and found there, Capt Barthwright, Capt Fells, Mr Porter cooking the Chowder soon after arriving set down to eat it, after finishing returned to the Chop did not feel very well I don't think the chowder was cooked properly as I threw it all up whilst at the dinner party, soon ^{after} went dinner went to bed.

Wednesday Feb 5. Woke up this morning not feeling very well, Capt Haskell went up down to Hong Kong this morning, after breakfast went over to the docks to see Capt Barthwright stopped on Board the "Hongqua" and took dinner felt better, this Bark looks very well and has got a very handsome hull very sharp and there is no reason why she should not

sail, at 4 o'clock the "Spark" came out of dock and at 5 o'clock the "Houqua" came out and anchored at the Buoy. The "Sea Serpent" is in Whampoa and looks very finely everything all in good order and looks as well as I ever saw her. The Old Democratic is anchored just astern of the new chop (Sera), she looks lovely and deserted and stands like a monument of glory - passed away. Took supper with Mr Brush and took 7 of Holloways Pills to set me all right.

Thursday Feb'y 6th Took breakfast and ~~re~~ went on board the "Houqua" and saw Capt. C who went with me to take ^{a male} in Bamboo Town to see some my old acquaintances found them all right, and cannot see that Bamboo Town has changed much with the exception of being duller than ever. This afternoon went over to the docks and saw them put the "Spec" in dock they having taken all the old iron and sundries out of her and such a lot of iron braces. water tanks

bolts etc, this evening Capt. Cartwright went over to the chop and we had a game of Whist to pass away the time.

Friday Feb'y 7. Went on board the "Houqua" and took breakfast had some buckwheat cakes which were very nice, and at 9 o'clock went on board the "White Cloud" to go to Hong Kong, passed the Gun Boat "Firin" bound to Whampoa also the Ste "Armenian" and the Ste "Sea Seen" towing the "Ghent's Gran" (a coolie ship) to Canton to take coolies to Generalara at half past two arrived in Hong Kong having had a pleasant trip, I found the chop very cozy, also saw little "Flora" Wm Russell's dog who has had three little pups, on arriving in Hong Kong found the "Content" Capt Steele who had arrived from San Francisco about 10 o'clock she brings dates from home to the 16th of December they have done nothing special, the President's Message was received by her, short and very good, Capt Steele looks about the same but has not got his wife with him.

Saturday Feb. 8th Had an auction of Sundries to-day at Messrs Cofford & Co's godowns. The Cobbe purchased 2 Anchors also 16 cwt white Lead and 255 gallons Linseed Oil, fine, pleasant weather.

Sunday, Feb. 9th Fine cool morning on going out found the "Lucretia" Capt Harding had arrived from San Francisco but bringing no later date, the "Lightning" had arrived and brought news that the "Onisa" was waiting at Galle for the Mail which was four or five days behindhand, the "Undine" Douglas Laprank's new steamer arrived to-day after a very long passage, she is a very common looking boat about as large as the "Alden" she brought quite a number of passengers from England among them Messrs Palmer the one that was formerly Gardiner Matherson's man, went on board the "Don Quixote" and took dinner. found Capt Nott taking the weight of Rice from there, went to the "Daphne" and found Capt Leckie there, from there to the "Mandarin" and saw Capt Parrott who has been sick

but found him much better, the "Alden" arrived this morning from the Coast and Mr Fisher came down from Amoy he is looking well and says Capt Carroll will bring the "Amoy" down about the 20th went on board the "Contest" and saw Capt Steele found Capt Harding of the "Lucretia" who is looking very well he says his family are all well and the boy expected to have Johnny to play with, Capt Steele has not got his wife with him this time and now good night may you be in Batavia enjoying yourselves.

Monday Feb. 10th Fine clear morning, the "Bombay Castle" arrived this morning having experienced very heavy gales was obliged to put into Manila for coal have not seen Capt Wedge to-day, the "D.P. Sage" arrived from Sunderland to-day, was sold at auction the Hulk "Sirius Jarvis" she brought \$2300, which was considered a very good price, the Anchors and chains were sold separately and brought about \$300, have been getting ready all day for to-morrow auction and have

things pretty well straitened up. good night.

Tuesday Feb. 11. The Mail Steamer "Ottawa" arrived this morning from Shanghai the Rebels still keeping quiet, it was very cold and the ice had frozen so hard that some of the vessels could not swing, they have also give skating and two feet of snow on the ground they had a very heavy snow storm about one week ago. orders were received from Admiral Hope to arm all the S & O Mail Boats and they arm and man the "Ottawa" tomorrow the report to day is that the "Tiger Cross" is outside and the news is that the American Government have refused to accede to the demands of England everything looks blue and we are anxiously expecting the mail which is two days over due, we had a general auction to day of Scales. Hair Felt. Oats, Whiskey &c things sold very well. An English Ship which arrived yesterday reports speaking the "Moonlight" Capt Breck 15 days out and

only 180 miles east of Hong Kong he must have had a pretty hard time of it. Capt Nott dined with us this evening, we are now dining in Father's Room as Mr Endicott has had the Dining Room whitewashed and painted also all the Entries, and has matting on all the rooms except the Dining Room he has had a partition put up in the entry where the Green Blind used to be and a door put in it to open from the entry, just as soon as he finishes dinner he is off in a sound nap and I wish he would return to the old hour of 2 o'clock good night, pleasant dreams, hoping you are all enjoying good health, Mr Minter & Mrs Crickshaw were married at the Cathedral yesterday.

Wednesday Feb 12th. Fine clear weather for the last five weeks and a beautiful day to-day. had an auction of Reef & Port ex "Content" &c also delivered all the goods of yesterday's auction, the Mail Steamer has not arrived yet, neither the "Julia G. Tyler" we have had an auction every day excepting Sunday for one week and it is about time

to stop and settle them up so as to make another fair start, I received Uncle Thomas Ticket to the Race for which I am very much obliged, all sorts of reports and Rumour about the War flying about to-day, went up to Dr Lockhead with Mr Buller and spent a very pleasant evening, found the Doctor a little under the weather.

Thursday. Saw Capt Wedge to-day he Feb. 13th says Mrs. Wedge and the children are well and that he experienced the heaviest weather he has seen since he has been coming to China, this last trip he says he is tired of the "Bombay Castle" as it is getting too slow for him, he expects to have the new boat on his next trip to China, the B. & C. "Romana" arrived from Singapore to-day, saw Capt French he is looking very poorly, the "Undine" is circulated for Shanghai and Pootung, everybody seems down in the mouth and it is reported

that Annick Clarke has sailed the "Vanderbilt" to Macao to lay up as she left for Hong Kong a day. Although the mail on the "Frigate" have yet arrived, and it seems to be the general opinion that there will be a war, the "C. L. Devan" arrived from Macao day before yesterday having changed her name and flag, she is now the Portuguese Barque "Flora" Flag Captain, Remedios, the old Gentleman Pedersen crying around the same as ever he says if there is a war he thinks England will get more than she wants, nothing of the "Julia E. Tyler" yet. Copied in Invoices of Mainle Engain, Coffee and an Invoice of Wine & Liquors. Made up the Auctions for the last week and made out 7 or 8 Account Sales.

Friday Feb. 14th The "Frigate" arrived this morning from Singapore & Calcutta bringing the news from the mail which was at Singapore when she left. No decisive intelligence had been received in England from America how their

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demands were answered, The French Govt
had declared the taking of the Rebel
Commissioners illegal, but there was
a great deal of excitement in America
about the plan of going down to Capt
Ward the Mandarin proceeded to
Thampoa to lay up, the ~~the~~ "Signia"
left sometime last night and went to
Hacao and it is reported she had some
of the U. S. Naval Stores on board after,
Had an auction of 650 Bags Damaged Rice
at the Cofford & Co Godowns
it sold very well, made the same return
and posted them this afternoon, played
8 or 10 game Chess with Capt Ward
in my room this evening, spent a very pleasant
evening, Capt Haskell came down from Thampoa
this afternoon.

Saturday Feb 15th, Fine pleasant day, clear
and cool worked up the Aest Sales Book,
and copied some Shanghai letters about 1 o'clock
a runner was signaled and about half
an hour afterwards the P.O. flag was run.

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so we have in the mail at last after ^{being} delay
and hand, the mail was delivered about
7 o'clock, I received 2 letters from Mr Edwards
in Batavia which contained 2 letters from Dad.
2 letters from Nell, 1 from Uncle William
1 from Mr Edwards, and one from Mrs
Dittie from Aunt Elizabeth opened and read
them and found the folks all well, which
was a relief, with exception of a few
of them having colds, My Stanley is in
great trouble about her son Thomas who
has run away from the workhouse and been
gone 10 days, Mrs Andrews has got a baby.
and Aunt Abby has got another baby if
she keeps on she will have quite a family
by and by, Uncle William has got a bad cough
so Mrs Dittie writes and she thinks he is poorly,
the Am Sch. "Wandering Waver" arrived from
Shanghai to-day, this evening I went to
hear Signor Robbio assisted by Herb. Wagner
Madame de Lagie and the Band of
H. M. 99th Regiment, the performance
was very fine and Signor Robbio is the finest Violin

player. I have ever heard in fact he plays
as well on one string as he does on all four,
the band played very well especially in one
piece called the "Swimming Gullies". Th. Wagner
performed very well in the "Kreutzer" Maz.
the "Liege" performed fairly. Among the
persons present were Mr and Mrs. Thos. L.
Cotton, Mr and Mrs Luddell, Mr and
Mrs Tabor and the Bride Mrs. Hammett
who looked about the same as ever, she
was attended by one of the Young Ladies of Mrs
Marsh Millinery Establishment, also her
husband, she was dressed up to the hilt
Mrs Rutter and a Young Lady (Whilom the
Rich Brokers daughter) and Mrs. Malkinson
were the only ladies present. As I came
home which was at Quarter of 11, I sat
up and read all the letters. Alf Walcott
has arrived home all right having gone
- - - from Liverpool in the "Aria", the
young ladies all forming societies for
knitting mittens for the poor soldiers. Capt
Haskell still here he can't bear to leave Hong Kong
and begins to swell around already.

Sunday, May 16. Fine beautiful weather, read
all the papers this morning, found that
the U. S. S. "Hartford" had arrived ~~from~~
at home on Dec 4. The Captain Clerk
Mr Hall died on the passage home, the
"Dacolah" had not arrived, the news about
the Shidell and Mason affair and the
excitement it had created had not been
received in New York at the date of the paper.
The Canada papers come out very strong against
the United States. Men on board the "Indisole"
saw Captain Holt who was working the
Cargo which turned out to be 26500 piculs
which is a very good cargo for a clipper ship.
from there went with Mr. Cullen on board the
"Daphne" then to the "Victor" and then to
the "Lotus" which passed away nearly all day
cause on shore set down and read the papers.
to night wrote up my Journal which I
have neglected for two or three days, owing
to the Mail getting in. The Bark "Tuloo" arrived
from Boston to day after a long passage of 160 days
she is as deep as a sand barge, the "Julia"
G. Tyra does not come in yet.

Monday Jan 17th. Fine, clear morning,
have not done much to-day, felt rather
tired and nervous, saw Ben Miller to day,
he is in the Canton. Victor Larcha at
dinner he looks very much he gets thirty
dollars and round, he was dressed very
well and clean and looks as well as I have
ever seen him in China, the "Star Queen"
arrived from London Saturday Evening
we have got quite a lot of iron as well as
some other sundries for us, Dr. H. Haskell, Esq.
is still here and is getting to be the biggest
load in the paddock. The one that sick the
most, Capt Endicott arrived from Macao
to day, he is looking very well say, Mrs
Endicott and family are very well, he quizzed
Capt Haskell at dinner to night dreadfully
and made him feel cheap enough to sell himself
for a quater, he felt dreadfully uncomfortable
and I think if Capt E. stops here long he will
be off for Whampoa, my associate to day
went to Brooks at a Japanese Auction
bought two Framed Engravings which cost

me 3.1²⁵ which I think I can make something
on, at least I hope so, Mr Endicott has
got everything painted and cleared up and
the house looks very well, the dining
room is floor and have matting on them
and piece of Oil Cloth to put under
the Table, the Races commence to-morrow
and I expect they will have some great times,
the Race folks seemed to flying round pretty
lively to day, the Clock for the new tower
was to be shipped from London in the
"Danian" which vessel was to leave about the
first of January, went with Mr Callen
to Sunshing to day he purchased about 70
dollars worth of China Knick Knacks, the "Don
Lipote" is going to Foochow to load home,
and will leave here on Thursday, bought
a photograph of a portion of Queens Road
which is very good it takes in Dents Houses the
New Clock Tower, the Club, Dents New Building
Post Office and a good side view of the House,
the "Croff" leaves for Swatow Amoy and Fuchan
to-morrow and Mr Fisher goes in her to Amoy
but he could not obtain a passage in the "Swatow".

Tuesday July 18th Fine, beautiful day. This morning I done no business owing to the Race etc. at 1 o'clock shut up took tiffin, and went to the Race Course found a large assemblage of people, also quite a number of ladies in the grand stand. the first race came off at 1/2 past one clock the Hong hei Chong Stables for ponies, Mangosteen Juddie, Jason entered for this race it was one by Mr Overbecks "Mangosteen" a very fair race, Daddie being the second horse the Second Race was for Arabs for the Guntton Cup, One mile and a half, Forester, Dervish, Midnight, Excalibur, Lemoire Mameluke, Tuseyama ran for this race, it was very closely contested between Dervish and Forester but finally won by Forester who won by a neck a very pretty race bet with Mr Cullen that Forester would beat and won it. the next race the Flying Welter, One mile, 3 horses entered for this race, Wee Pet, Affghan and Lucknow, Affghan ridden by Mackenzie

carried everything before him, bet on this race and won the following bets.
 Bet with Cullen that Affghan would beat Wee Pet. #1
 " " " " " against the Field #1
 " " John " " Lucknow #3.
 " " Doctor Lockhead " " the Field #2.
 " " Mr Smith " " " #2.
 done very well on this Race. the next Race the Garrison Cup for One Mile and a half for Arabs, Lemoire, Eskdale, Gratie Mercury and Deerfoot ran for this Race, it was very closely contested between Eskdale Dent Horse and Gratie Gardiner's Hares, but finally won by half a neck by Eskdale, who was ridden very well, bet on this race and lost the following bets.

bet with Cullen. Gratie against the Field #1.
 " " Mr Smith " " " #2
 " " Dr Lockhead " " " #3.
 " " Capt Brooke " " " #2.
 " " Red De Silva The Field agst Lemoire #2.
 done very badly on this race. it was reported that Mr Pollard the Sanger won \$5000 on this Race

The next Race the Altona Cup for all Horses that have never run in them for a Cup value \$100. One mile. Diddle Emb Buck, Canton, Black Sat Kettledrum, Sancho & Omar. Katot entered on this Race, this was closely contested for by Shuses, Dents Kettledrum, Gardiner & son. And W.D. & H. King's horse Ketcher who done very well, but Canton won the race by half a neck contrary to the speculations of everybody as Mackenzie did not let him out till within 100 rods of the Winning Post, made a bet on this Race and lost it bet with Mr Spencer taking Kettledrum against the field \$5. done badly on this race which makes me \$5 dollars out of pocket on the Races this year. The Fakei Cup value \$50. Distance One mile and a quarter the following horses entered for this Race. Snowdon, Templar, and Mercury, Mercury lead off. Templar following and Snowdon last. the favorite King Snowdon, she came round on the last

heat just ahead of Templar and about 100 rods from the Winning Post, Mac Donell the rider of Templar let him out and all Mackenzie could do could not prevent his losing the Race as the Templar won it by a neck taking three or four tremendous strides, a great deal money lost on this race the Englishman very sore about it, it tried to make some fuss about Templar crossing. Money was almost as the Turn, but it must go the race being decided in Templar's favor, the Englishman betting about 2 to 1 and sometimes 4 to 1 against him lost heavily. I bet on this Race against Templar and lost Bet with Dr Lockhead Snowdon agst the Field \$3 " " Capt Ward " " " " \$2. \$5 altogether which makes me \$10 out of pocket to day on the Races. Russell & his folks tickled to death, and went off the ground in great glee. the Last Race of the day was the Galloway Stake. L. Galloways only two horses entered, Castivity and Louane, Louane was ridden by Dodd very well, Castivity standing no

chance. Loure winning two or three lengths. the Races have been very good to day and everything passed off very pleasantly. Dents Stable taking 4 prizes out of 5. Gardine only taking 2 and Russell 200 1.

I have had a very pleasant time but hope to be more fortunate in betting to-morrow. Sold 3 Japanese Cabinets to Mr Cullen to night for £12. Jc Hunt & book did not make much profit on them on 1/2 of Pound Jigson. The Kate Hastings came back from Macao to-day after hearing the news from the Mail, as she was one of the vessels that was afraid of being taken therefore went to Macao. The "Koff" went up the Coast to-day. Mr Fisher went in her. Capt Haskell still here. We don't like to leave Hong Kong. Capt Endicott returned to Macao to-day. The Mail is expected on Sunday when I suppose we shall get all the news about the War. There has no ship left for San Francisco nor none arrived from that Port.

Wednesday Feb. 19. Fine clear day but a little cooler. Went with Mr Cullen to Yee-chung where he had his picture taken for me. at 12 o'clock shut up the store went up stairs and took Tiffin, got into the House Boat with Mr Cullen, Capt Ince and left for the Race at 10 minutes past 1. There was a large number of persons present, and about the same number of Ladies as usual. The first Race of the day was the Young Slakes for Jones distance half a mile. Phantom, Pearl, Daddie and Spanish Student entered for this Race it was won by Pearl who was pressed rather hard by Phantom who came in second but on this Race and won the following Bets, Made a bet with Cullen Pearl against the Field 1. " " " " Mr Smith " " 13. Done very well on this Race, the best Race was the Great Race of the Meeting for which, Garibaldi, Robin Hood and Snowdon ran. This was a very fine race being for two miles on the start Snowdon lead Garibaldi coming next and Robin Hood last they went round twice all keeping about the same position but on the last heat bottom began to tell

Garibaldi drew ahead and let Snowden drop behind while Robin Hood came up and as they come up the turn before they came to the winning post they cooked beautifully. Garibaldi ahead just next Robin Hood and Snowden about a length behind. Capt Wherton on Garibaldi rode him splendidly. Mackenzie thought he would get him and they both began to pitch into the houses and just as they got to the Winning Post Garibaldi drew ahead winning by a length. Cheers upon cheers rent the air and Dents folks were half crazy. they took Captain Wherton after having been weighed in their arms and carried him into the tent giving him three times three. this was a very fine and Garibaldi was very well ridden made the following bets

Made a bet with Capt Nott that Garibaldi beats R. Hood \$5
 " " " " Mr Macdonnell " " " " \$5
 " " " " Mr Cullen " Robin Hood " Garibaldi \$3
 " " " " Capt Taylor " " " " \$2
 " " " " Capt Cooke " " " " \$3
 having won \$10. and lost \$8. which made come out winning \$2. with which I was satisfied as nobody

expected Garibaldi to win. Gardiner's Clerk and the head men in the house as well as Mackenzie lost from 8 to 10000 on this race. The next Race was for Ponies distance three quarters of a mile for the Race. Phantom, Old Moke, Daddie, Jaron, Skittle and one or two others of no account were entered. Phantom was the favorite and won the Race closely followed by Skittle made the following bets on this Race.

Made a Bet with Mr Smith Phantom agst the Field \$2
 " " " " Capt Leckie that " First Horse beats Old Moke \$1
 " " " " Capt Haremi Jaron agst the Field \$1
 Lost \$1 and Won \$3. which made \$2 ahead on this Race which was doing very fairly. the next Race was the Barington Cup value 100 Guineas distance from the Black Rock twice round and in about two miles. in this Race the following horses were entered, Eskdale, Mercury and Snowden, Eskdale Dents Horse being the favorite she won very easily, Snowden being nowhere Mercury coming in second. Snowden made the following bets on this Race
 Made a bet with Dr Luchhead Eskdale agst Snowden \$2
 " " " " Cullen " " " " \$2
 " " " " John Snowden beats Mercury \$2

Lost \$2 and Won \$4 which was doing very fairly
 the next Race was the Stirrup Cup for Arabs.
 Twice Round the Course was the distance,
 for this Race the following horses entered
 Lumiere, Dervish, Forrester, Mameluke,
 Excelsior, Midnight, and Holsten, ~~etc.~~
 Mameluke and kept the lead when Forrester
 closed on him followed by Dervish who
 was rode very well by Capt Worthen
 and after turning the pole before the Winning
 Pole Forrester came in followed very closely
 by Dervish but Forrester succeeded in beating
 him by a length. Forrester. ^{1st} Dervish 2nd
 and Excelsior 3rd. I done very well on the Race
 and made the following bets,

Bet with	Mr Dolan	Forrester	agst the Field	\$3.
"	Mr Cullen	"	" " "	\$2
"	Capt Taylor	"	" " "	\$1.

which made \$6 in pocket, a very pretty race,
 the next Race was for Hacks. for which, Diddle
 en Buck, Sky Scraper, Custanete, Kettledrum, Black Sat
 Lomar, Sancho Nabob were entered. McKing's Brother's new
 horse Sancho was the favourite and kept the lead

followed very closely by Kettledrum Gento Horse until
 they came just the Winning post, when Kettledrum
 drew ahead and Won the Race about half a neck
 Kettledrum 1st Sancho 2nd and Sky Scraper 3rd lost
 on this race and made the following Bets,
 Made a Bet with Capt Havens Kettledrum agst Sancho. \$4
 " " " " " " Not Sancho Kettledrum \$5
 " " " " " " Cullen Sancho " " \$3.

Lost \$8 and Made \$1, which makes me \$7 out of pocket
 this Race was a very exciting and good Race,
 the next Race was for the Parsee Cup
 distance One Mile and a half. Templar, Gratie
 Deerfoot and Mercury entered for the Race.
 All the Americans bet on Templar because he
 was so successful yesterday, Deerfoot got the start
 closely followed by Templar who hauled ahead
 of him soon after they got off. closely followed
 by Gratie, who on the last bend hauled ahead
 of Templar who dropped astern and came in 3rd
 Gratie 1st Deerfoot 2nd Templar 3rd the
 Americans all lost the money on this Race
 I made the following Bets,
 Bet with Mr Cullen that Gratie beat Templar \$5
 " " Capt Havens " " " " \$1

Bet with Mr Vane that the Field beats Gracie \$5,
 " " Capt Tucker " Templar " " \$5
 " " Capt Taylor " Gracie beats Templar \$1
 I won \$7 on this Race and lost \$10 which
 made me \$3 out of pocket the trouble being
 did not hedge enough, this was a very good
 Race but I don't think Templar was driven hard
 enough. The next Race and last for to-day
 was the grand Stand Plate distance One mile
 and a quarter, Dents Little Wonder and Gardiner
 Ten per Cent were the only horses entered
 the ran along beautifully together all the while
 and came up to the Winning post
 neck and neck and just at the post Little
 Wonder just ran his nose ahead of Ten per
 Cent and won the Race this was a tip top
 Race the best one of the Meeting and
 a good deal of money was lost on Ten per cent
 this finished the days Races everything
 passed off very pleasantly, Dents winning
 5 Races out of the 8. Gardiner 1. And Mr L
 \$2 with Pearl and Phantom. I have been more
 fortunate in betting than yesterday and hope to

be still more so to-morrow having got \$6 ahead
 to day and \$10 lost yesterday leaves \$4 to make
 myself square which I hope to get to-morrow
 and \$10 more to pay up a few honest debts,
 the Russian Mail of War Steamer Abreck
 arrived to-day from Manila, Capt Haskell
~~arrived~~ went to Whampoa this morning,
 We shipped 24 Cases Yellow Metal, 3 Cases
 Copper and 2500 lbs Nail to Whampoa
 to day as Mr Endicott wanted to get out of the
 way, he has bought another Invoice of Beard & Co
 and ships it off to Whampoa to-morrow.
 Mr Morrison arrived from Saigon to-day
 he is looking very well and dined here this
 evening, De Silver & Co having been doing
 a little French Business the last three or four
 days firing out the Loire and Renosnee
 who go to Shanghai to join Admiral Pothé
 We have got 2 Auctions this Week, One at
 Beard & Co Godowns on Friday of Beef and Pork
 the other at Offord & Co on Saturday of damaged
 cargo, Canvas and Twine, good night may
 all be well and happy how I wish I was with
 you. let the Races go ^(to finish) and all the other great Amusements ^{in Hong Kong}

97. Thursday, Feb 20. This morning was a little cloudy, got up at 1/2 past 6 went down stairs received the order for delivery of 25 Cases Yellow Metal and 15 Boxes Nails from Messrs N. Heard & Co. Goddard & Co. left the House at 7 o'clock and ordered the Cutter there to receive it, got there at about 1/2 past 7 and about 8 o'clock the Cutter, Coolies and everything was all ready on taking the Cases from the Goddard. I found a great many badly stained and where some of the cases were broken off I found the Sheet damaged, and as there was no Invoice or Memo of the Cases of the Yellow Metal I was obliged to take all the marks off to find out about the Particulars of the Invoice found no gross or nett weight on more than 1/2 of the Cases so could tell nothing about the Invoice without opening the boxes counting and weighing the sheet, after taking them all out I wrote and told Mr Endicott how I found the Cases, he wrote and told Mr Parker and it was decided to ship it to Whampoa let

98. Captain Haskell open the Cases, and decide about it as it was the original intention to ship it to Whampoa, I received the Answer about 11 o'clock put it in the Cutter and started for the House it was 12 o'clock when we arrived. Went to Work and made out a Boat Note which took me till half past twelve, went out to dinner at 1 o'clock not having had anything to eat since 7 o'clock last night, at 2 o'clock past 1 took the House Boat and started for the Race Ground. arrived there in time to see the first Race which was the Ladies Stakes, distance One Mile in this Race, Tree Let, Luskman and Affghan men entered, Affghan ridden by Richardson was pushed overboard by Luskman even to the Winning post, but won by 1/2 a neck, made the following bets on this Race.

Made with a Bet with Harris taking Affghan agt the Field #2
" " " John " " " " #2
" " " Capt Cooke " " " " #2
having Tim 6 in this Race and lost nothing
this was a very pretty race, the next Race was for the Emerald Cup value 100 Guineas distance

Made a Bet with John that Templar beats Ironclad \$2
 " " " " Doctor " " " " \$2

Nov 8th out this Race as everything I bet on
 has done very well on this Race. This

Oakdale is Dent, New Horse and cost
 £1500 sterling in England he is a beautiful
 looking horse and was finely ridden by
 Capt. Northern who has carried off all the honours
 the next Race was a Forced Handicap, distance
 about 1 mile and a Quarter, Midnight and
 Execler entered for this Race it was a very
 close Race, the favorite being Execler
 who was finally beaten by Midnight by a
 length, did not bet on this race, the
 next Race was a Forced Handicap, distance
 One Mile, for this Race the following horses
 were entered, Sancho, Black Pat, Little Wonder,
 Canton, Kettledrum were entered this was a very
 nice race, Canton was the Favorite and for the
 first time Round was ahead but Kettledrum put
 him through coming up and beating him on the last
 round and putting him another feather in Capt. Northern's
 cap. Made 1 Bet on this Race and lost \$2

Canton apt Kettledrum with Capt. Cooke for \$2

the next Race was for the Consolation Stakes
 distance One mile and a half, this was
 not much of a Race Mercury distancing
 Turyama which were the only two horses.
 Midden, made no bets on this race, the
 next Race was the Ponies ridden by Chinamen
 Dents and Gardines Ponies came in ahead on the
 first turn round on the second Gardines passed
 Dents by 1/2 neck at the turning post, winning
 the Race, the Chinamen rode very well this
 year not one being thrown off during the Race
 before last Mr. Miller with his large Photographic
 Instrument came and took a large view of the ground
 stand with all the Ladies in the upper part and
 the Governor, John Gibb, and numerous other persons
 Dent. Hattie took 3 races to-day, Gardine 2 and
 other parties 2. Thus finishes the Races of
 1852 everything having passed off well, and
 Dents stable carrying everything before them, having
 taken out of ²⁸ 23 Races, 12 Gardine 5, Russell \$1,
 other persons 4, not counting the China ^{Boys} pony Race
 as for myself I have done very well ~~winning~~ win-
 ning \$14 and losing \$10 on the whole three days
 which leaves me \$4 in pocket which will go to pay some

honest debts. W. Endicott came out about 20 ahead and John some ahead. I don't know how much Marguets also 4 ahead. M. W. C. E. was pretty tight last night but I suppose that belongs to one of the Race privileges. I for myself have kept perfectly sober. made very small and cautious bet as much so as I could and have had a pleasant time, although I should have preferred being at home. The Shanghai arrived from Saigon last night. Mr Moosion came in her, he is stopping here at the house he is looking well, and I believe doing a good business. The Echo formerly Peiho arrived from Saigon to day. Charley De Silves coming down in her. they took everything ^{but the guns} out of the Old Moonoon to day as the War news looks pretty blue and they did not know but the English Government might not like a few American Guns to add to their collection at the Barracks. she goes to Macao to morrow in tow of the Iron Prince. Capt. Holt and Mr Cullen bid me good bye to night as the ship leaves for Foochow and from there home if there is no war. Capt. Holt has got a very big Freight about 10,000

Friday Feb 21. Was woken up by Mr Endicott this morning asking me if I did not want to take a last look at the Old "Moonoon" she left the Ship Yard in tow of the "Iron Prince" at 1/2 past 6 and arrived at the house about 7. she seemed to be scarcely moving, after breakfast went down to Messrs Beard & Co. to down to take delivery of 344 Bbls Beef and 46 Bbls Pork to be sold at auction at 12 o'clock, found most everything taken out of them & down Rice, Pig Head Beef &c. Bread &c all sold as Mr Parker is little shaky about War and is converting everything into Cash. the Beef averaged about 1.50 a Bbl and the Pork about \$5 all bought by Chinamen, they think of sending some more vessels to Macao as they have cleared ^{our} the "Kate Hastings" again and the "Solos" the new bark arrived from Boston the Auction Sales realized 743.52 to day, in the afternoon Capt Ward arrived by the "Ternia" from Macao having settled up his business there. He reports seeing the "Moonoon" by Linlin about Quarter past three. Mr Wagner is making a man for the Francis P. Day, they

take out the Old Mast, make the new one
 put it in the same as the old one before
 for \$500. He had a good deal of trouble
 breaking it out as it was at the bottom of
 the pile and the Fish prices at the bottom
 are low. They are putting up the Gateway at the
 Ship Yard and have began on the new building
 over to No 5 Godown. Very little business in
 the store, everything hanging on for the mail
 in regard to the War News, she is due here
 in morning and as the "Chine" is reported
 to be in it up, it ought to be here. Douglas
 L. Steamer the "Undine" arrived
 from Canton with 150 Chinamen belonging to the
 High Tammes and 3 Mandarins Wives board
 with. I suppose she will leave in soon as the
 mail gets up, got a picture from Yechung to
 day of Mr Cullen which he made me a
 present of. felt rather blue to day, and now
 hoping that you are having a fine breeze, and
 all in good health and wishing that I was
 with you. I wish you pleasant dreams to-night.
 the "Tyler" not in yet being out 167 days to day

Saturday Feb 22nd Cloudy & pretty Morning,
 after Breakfast went down to Oxford
 & Co's Godown and took delivery of 60 Bolls
 Hemp Canvas and 15 Bundles Twine damaged
 by Sea Water to be sold at auction at 12 o'clock, saw
 Mr Cullen who came ashore last night from
 the "Don Quixote" to get another mate as
 the old one was drunk. and Capt Mott had
 decided to send him ashore, bid him good by,
 at 11 o'clock, and went and attended to the auction
 which came off at twelve, the Canvas brought a
 very good price, the sale realized about \$420. this
 morning all the American Ships were dressed out in
 flag in honour of the day (Washington's Birthday)
 and a Norwegian in the "Ingara" fired a Salute
 of 21 Guns at 12 o'clock, Mr H. C. Endicott
 made a bowl of punch to day, I had half
 a glass of it, was ~~was~~ very good but rather strong,
 Mrs Greig has opened a place in Stanley Street
 and it is called Mrs Greig's New Investment,
 the Bark "Volvo" goes to Macao to stop till the
 War News is decided, the "Daphne", "Washington"
 "Victor" will probably leave for San Francisco the first
 part of next week and the Lotus & Torrent soon after,

which will only leave 4 American Vessels in Port, the Ocean Rover from San Francisco has not arrived yet.

Sunday Feby. 23^d Fine beautiful morning with a light breeze, after breakfast went with Capt Ward to Yeehanger to have his picture taken, then went on board the "Daphne" and had a long chat with Capt Mendenham from there went to the "Lotus" and came ashore, about 4 o'clock seemed dull and lonely enough and I felt quite lonesome, sat down ready one of Maria Scotts. novels, Anne of Geierstein, at 7 o'clock went out to Dinner found Dr Lockhead there who stopped and took pot luck with us, quite breezy and cool this evening, we have got two more auctions next week one of Belf and Kirk on Wednesday. One of Old Riggings to Mr S. E. Burrage and Mrs Goddard on Tuesday, good night, pleasant dreams

Monday, Feby. 24th, cloudy, morning wrote up the 9 sales Book to-day, saw Old Margaret the Nurse she was looking about the same as usual, and said how you do Mary as the same as ever, the Carthage arrived from Shanghai this morning she brings the report which came from Peking that War was declared between England and America but it is not believed, although War Excitement is at Fereen Heat, went to Hake Sammet & Co's Auction of Japanese Ware but did not buy anything, came home about 9 o'clock and sat down and had a game of chess with Capt Ward, and rather beat him, after finishing the game we had a long talk about home and Salem the "Competitor" Capt Leckie arrived from Bangkok to-night, she is leaking badly, having had very heavy weather coming up and Joseph will have to go in dock, the Lotus, with Capt Leckie is still here and so, the "Brothers meet each other once more, the "Lyceum" arrived this evening

Tuesday Feb. 25, Fine Morning, the "Aden" arrived from Shanghai, among the passengers were Capt Horland and Dr Eastlack who is going to live in Shanghai, (that is it is report) Capt Horland sold his ship to Messrs Dent & Co for \$49000. which is a very good price, she is called the "Damio" and is bound for London, Capt Newman has left for Hong Kong in his ship the "Demetrius" he has got Mr Roberts the missionary (who ran away from that place) on board, had an auction of Old Iron, things &c which came out of the "Torre" which belonged to S. & Barrons Sons also, 337 Bar. Sheet Iron from 1 1/2 to 2 1/4 in belonging to the house which sold for 2 1/3 per pound, the Gateways at the Yard are nearly finished and the Godown next to No. 5 the foundation is nearly laid, the "Challenge" now in Bombay doing nothing at last account, the "Competition" reports the "J. C. Humphreys" sailing three days before her for Hong Kong which vessel has not arrived yet. the

"Competition" was 35 days coming up, went up and heard the Band play this evening, we have a large Auction of Beef and Pork to-morrow at Messrs A. Heard & Co Godowns.

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